

HIS SENTENCE COMMUTED

Gov. Aycock Changes Vick's Sentence to Life Term.

KILLING OF PERCY JONES

Eleven Men Under Indictment Connected with the Case and a Special Term Ordered to Try Them. State Officers Sign Bonds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RICHMOND, N. C., May 25.—Governor AYCOCK today commuted the death sentence of Sam Vick, the negro, who was under sentence to be hanged next Saturday, to life imprisonment. Vick is sixteen years old, and was convicted of criminal assault on an old negro woman with whom he made his home.

A special term of Wilson County Court is ordered by Governor Aycock for the trial of the Wilson county murder cases growing out of the recent sensational killing of Percy Jones, an insurance agent.

There are eleven men under indictment by the grand jury, four of them being out on bond, and the others in jail awaiting trial. The special court will be held by Judge Shaw.

BOND ISSUE.
The Governor and State Treasurer this morning completed the work of signing the \$300,000 State bond issue, authorized by the recent Legislature, and sold at 104 1/2 to Townsend, Scott & Company, of Baltimore. They were forwarded to the purchasers to-day, and the money will be forthcoming. It is to meet a deficit in the State treasury.

A charter was granted to-day to the Bank of Lincoln, \$100,000 capital. The stockholders are E. F. Griggs, W. E. Griggs and John W. A. Hoke.

The Secretary of State to-day charters the Lenoir and Patterson Turnpike Company, which has for its purpose the construction of a turnpike company from Lenoir to Patterson, in Caldwell county. John M. Bernhardt and S. F. Harper are among the incorporators.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.
The sixty-second annual commencement of St. Mary's School began Sunday morning with an able baccalaureate sermon by Right Rev. Thomas P. Butler, Bishop of Tennessee. The graduating exercises will be on Thursday.

Rev. Joseph Rennie, D. D., of Norfolk, preached the baccalaureate sermon of the commencement at the St. Louis College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

Tom, Walter H. Page, editor of "World's Work," will deliver the commencement address Tuesday evening. Thirty-nine graduates will receive diplomas Wednesday morning.

FOR A STATE EXHIBIT.

Governor Aycock will, it is understood, issue a letter in a few days to publishers of newspapers throughout North Carolina urging them to start at once subscription lists for donations to the fund to be raised for a State exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, each paper being requested to raise subscriptions to the fund and publish names and amounts. The act of the Legislature, it will be remembered, provided for the \$100,000 State appropriation on the raising of a like amount by popular subscription. State officials are confident this condition will be complied with.

QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL

Major John Mertz and His Tiny Partners Go with the Show.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, N. C., May 25.—The carnival closed here this evening. All during the week and up to the very close crowds have attended from day to day and the management is well pleased. The proceeds of the show, through the establishment of a public library for Salisbury.

While here exhibiting the Hatch-Adams Company contracted with Major John Mertz to travel with the show. Major Mertz is one of the smallest men in height, being only thirty-eight inches in height.

The voting contest for Queen of the Carnival closed Friday night. The contest falling upon Miss Bessie Henderson, the accomplished daughter of Senator John S. Henderson. She received one hundred and eighty votes over her closest contestant, who received four hundred and six.

LIQUIDATION WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN COURSE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 25.—Following the close of the stock market, it was rumored in Wall Street that a conference of the leading financial institutions was being held up-town this evening to review the situation and if necessary adopt relief measures. It was strongly intimated that certain quarters that were in the canvass of the clubs and hotels failed to hear out these reports and inquiries in authoritative quarters all showed that liquidation was not being contemplated in to-day's market would be allowed to run its course. Gossip at the up-town resorts was busy with the names of a number of well-known individuals all of whom are reported to have been badly "squeezed."

The best information as to the situation was not sufficiently critical to warrant the official intervention of the Clearing House, or the formation of "money pools."

CRUSHES OUT THE LIFE

The most loathsome and repulsive of all living things is the serpent, and the vilest and most degrading of all human diseases is Contagious Blood Poison. The serpent sinks its fangs into the flesh and almost instantly the poison passes through the entire body. Contagious Blood Poison, beginning with a little ulcer, soon contaminates every drop of blood and spreads throughout the whole system. Painful swellings appear in the groins, a red rash and copper colored spots break out on the body, the mouth and throat become ulcerated, and the hair and eye brows fall out; but these symptoms are mild compared to the wretchedness and suffering that come in the latter stages of the disease when it attacks the bones and more vital parts of the body. It is then that Contagious Blood Poison is seen in all its hideousness. The deep eating abscesses and sickening ulcers and tumors show the whole system is corrupted and poisoned, and unless relief comes soon this serpent disease tightens its coils and crushes out the life. The only antidote for the awful virus is S. S. S. It is nature's remedy, composed entirely of vegetable ingredients. S. S. S. destroys every vestige of the poison, purifies the blood and removes all danger of transmitting the awful taint to others. Nothing else will do this. Strong mineral remedies, like mercury and potash, dry up the sores and drive in the disease, but do not cure permanently. Send for our home treatment book and write us if in need of medical advice or special information. This will cost you nothing.

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ENORMOUS SHIPMENTS

Million-and-a-Quarter-Dollar Crop of Strawberries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 25.—To date the carload shipment of strawberries last refrigerator cars have been about 1,612 cars, with the express shipments reaching about 54,000 crates, against 1,119 cars and 1,200 crates last year. Beginning April 10th there has been a steady movement from Eastern Carolina, moving from 25 to 125 carloads a day. This year the distribution of these shipments have covered all the leading cities and towns of the Northern New England and the Western States. And while prices are not so high in the beginning of the shipping season as have been known in past years, nevertheless the general average has been well in line if not quite up to the standard, and the aggregate volume has been fully 25 per cent. ahead of any previous year.

Up to this writing not less than 600,000 crates have gone forward out of this territory yielding the growers a net sum of more than \$1,250,000, and each day shipments continue. Berries will go forward in carloads lots for at least a week or two longer. The crown berries are now on the move and they are delicious, bringing good prices.

Potatoes, beans, peas, huckleberries and blackberries are now moving to the market in considerable quantities and the prices are very satisfactory. Unless all signs fail, the first day of June will find the berry and vegetable growers with more ready cash than they have had before in years.

TERRIFIC THUNDERSTORM

Cupola of Hotel at Wrightsville Beach Shattered.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 25.—The dry spell in this section was broken by a much electric, rain fall in torrents, greatly aiding vegetation, which has been in a very dry condition. The high cupola of the south wing of the Seashore Hotel was shattered by a bolt of lightning, which ran down into the building and did slight damage. Fortunately, there were no guests in the hotel, which will not open until next Monday, June 1st.

Mannel-Adams.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROXBURY, VA., May 25.—The residence of Mr. William Adams, near this place, was converted into a bower of beauty Wednesday night, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Grace, to Mr. William Mannel, of Lumberton, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. M. Johnson, of Glendale. After the ceremony, an elegant supper was served. Their future home will be at Lumberton, where the young man holds a responsible position with Miller & Miller, lumber merchants.

Medical Class Officers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., May 25.—The Medical class of the University of Virginia, for the year 1907-1908, for the ensuing year: Walter F. Scott, of San Antonio, Tex., president; James Irving Miller, of New York, secretary; Daniel D. Talley, Jr., of Richmond, Va., historian; Richard P. Bell, Jr., of Staunton, Va., secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Kerr Released.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

At the meeting of East Hanover Presbyterian held yesterday at the Second Presbyterian Church, in this city, Rev. Dr. J. L. Kerr, of the First Church, was released and transferred to the Baltimore Presbyterian. Dr. Kerr will preach here on Sunday, the Sunday-Avenue Church on June 1st.

WOULD BE SUICIDE GLINGS TO LIFE

An Operation Which, In Itself, Would Kill Most Men.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

KEYSVILLE, VA., May 25.—Mr. Ed. L. Cole, who attempted to commit suicide Saturday morning by shooting himself in the head with a pistol, an account of which appeared in the Sunday Times-Dispatch, is settling along as well as could be expected. The bullet entered the head at the posterior portion of the frontal bone, going through the skull and entering the brain, driving pieces of the skull before the ball.

The operation, which was a very difficult one, was performed by Drs. Floyd Gregory and Thompson Morton. The ball was located in the center of the brain, and it was found that the pressure of the motor nerve center caused paralysis of the left side.

Upon removal of the ball and fragments of skull the paralysis was relieved. It has now been forty-eight hours since the operation, and the physicians say he has a fair chance to recover.

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EAT THEIR MEALS COLD

Servants Shouldn't Have to Work on Sunday.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE

This Subject Discussed Sunday by Two Richmond Pastors—Sunday Excursions and Sunday Newspapers Scored.

In two sermons preached from Richmond pulpits on Sunday last the desecration of the Lord's day was the theme of the discourse. The Rev. W. T. Hundley, of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. J. M. C. A. in the afternoon, discussed the subject of the observance of the city's people.

Both pastors went gloves off for Sunday newspapers and Sunday excursions. But one of them went even farther than this. He declared that servants should not be compelled to work on the Sabbath, and that families should go without hot meals if need be.

REV. MR. HUNDLEY'S SERMON.
At the Barton Heights Baptist Church Sunday morning the Rev. W. T. Hundley preached to a good sized congregation on the observance of the Sabbath.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Hundley took a firm stand against all secular work on Sunday. Sunday excursions, he declared to be an abomination. The people who go on them go with no thought of doing honor to the Lord. He thought recreation on the Sabbath and visits to the parks harmless, provided they did not interfere with a proper observance of the Lord's day. He also had a word to say about the Sunday newspapers. Among other things he expressed the hope that he would live to see the day when there were none such. He was rather doubtful, however, if this hope would ever be realized.

Finally, Mr. Hundley declared that servants should not be made to work on Sunday. They should work six days and then stop. Sunday dinners could be cooked on Saturday and eaten cold on the next day if necessary.

SERMON BY MR. BOYLES.

At the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon the Rev. J. M. C. A. in the afternoon, discussed the subject of the observance of the city's people.

His text was, "I write unto you young men, because ye have overcome the evil one." Among other things Mr. Boyles said:

"Just at this season there is a great temptation to desecrate the Lord's day, and this battle needs to be considered. I am on record as most positively and everlastingly opposed to Sunday excursions. This whole Sabbath excursion business is a gross insult to God. We are commanded to keep the Sabbath day holy. Those who patronize the Sunday outing scheme of the devil willfully and knowingly violate this command of God. There are religious denominational newspapers that seem to be as silent as the tomb on this subject, and then they are ready to condemn the man who is not in accordance with their standard. The pulpits and press are largely responsible for the gross and growing practice of transgression. God's great law concerning the Sabbath. These are the mightiest agencies in the world for God and humanity. It is heartening to behold their fanatical conservatism" on the current sin-problems of to-day.

"How can we grow a stainless Christian citizenship, a stainless manhood and a strong, conquering church, by tolerating the awful sin of destroying our Sabbath which is the very foundation of State and church? I pray God to send us the deep and abiding conviction of this terrible sin and crime that threatens the very life of our Christianity."

TO RESTORE BRUTON CHURCH

A Distinguished Committee Appointed to Co-operate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, VA., May 25.—The vestry of Bruton Episcopal Church Saturday night decided to restore the interior of the historic edifice. Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin, the rector, was authorized to receive contributions.

An advisory committee, composed of Rev. J. Gravatt, of Richmond; Right Rev. J. M. Randolph and Rev. B. D. Tucker, of Norfolk; Dr. Randolph McKim, Washington, D. C.; Dr. William R. Huntington and Mr. J. L. Kernechan, of New York, were appointed to cooperate with the vestry in the work.

The vestry also passed resolutions of sympathy for Mr. M. R. Harrell, who is ill at a Richmond hospital.

A distinguished party visited this city yesterday from Jamestown, having come to see the interior of the historic edifice. Among them were Dr. Wier Mitchell, the great physician and author of Philadelphia; Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, the novelist; Professor Gillman, president of Johns Hopkins University; Mr. Randall, of Annapolis; Mr. Bryant Keyes, of Baltimore, and others.

Mr. Laydall Farragut, of New York, son of Admiral Farragut, and Mrs. George Newton and Miss Newton, of Norfolk, have been guests of Mrs. Anne Galt, United States navy, who has been on a sick leave with his family at Lynchburg, has received orders to report at the Naval War College in Newport.

SALEM FEMALE COLLEGE.

Close of the 101st Annual Session—Dr Strickler.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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In connection with commencement at the close of the session, Dr. and Mrs. Clowell served a luncheon to students, patrons and friends. At 3 o'clock the afternoon session of the exercises was continued. The program consisted of the class prophecy, the class literary essay, the class history, the presentation of the new and novel feature adopted by the principal.

To-night the first concert was given by the music and drama departments. Tomorrow will be a musical drama. Members of the association from this and other States are here to attend the annual meeting.

UNIQUE SITUATION

Farmville Bids Fair to Remain Dry for Some Time.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE, VA., May 25.—Farmville continues to enjoy her unique whiskey situation. It is up to the Legislature to continue the program consisting of the class prophecy, the class literary essay, the class history, the presentation of the new and novel feature adopted by the principal.

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To come, and at the present writing the Town Council have no idea of opening a dispensary, until the question is submitted to the people, and they will be guided accordingly.

MIANN BILL CASE

Circuit Court Rules Against Issuing Hotel License.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE, VA., May 25.—An interesting legal question came up before Judge Hundley, of the Circuit Court this morning on appeal from the County Court in the case of Hugh O'Gara, vs. F. H. C. Rice Commissioner of Revenue. The case was a petition for mandamus to compel the Commissioner of Revenue to issue a hotel license to his petitioner under the Mann bill.

According to the bill the license for such a hotel is the privilege to sell to travelers and guests liquors and mixtures thereof. After hearing arguments on both sides the mandamus was refused, thus sustaining the opinion of the lower court.

Measures, Lancaster, of Farmville, and Edmond Hubbard, of Buckingham, who jointly represented Mr. O'Gara, and the other side's interest was looked after by Senator Watkins.

At the Theatres.

It has been a number of years since "Friends" has been here—so long, indeed, that most of us who witnessed the production had almost forgotten the pretty story of the play. The presentation last night by the Giffen Company, however, most pleasantly refreshed our memories. Friendship, such as that existing between two struggling young men, is a noble thing. It is an ideal one.

We all love our ideals, and while we may never see them in real life, we read of them in the pages of some novel or see them upon the stage.

The production of last night served to introduce three new members of the Giffen Company—Miss Blanche Hall, Mr. Mace Greenleaf and Mr. J. M. C. A. Hall was a very attractive young woman, an opera singer, who is just reaching the climax of her artistic achievements. She has a pleasing personality, and her work was entirely satisfactory. Mr. Mace Greenleaf, at once on his way to the audience by his earnest and sincere work as Adrian Karle. He has a good stage presence, and possesses a rich, well modulated voice.

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Wash Goods Department.

Mercedized Silk Zephyr, for shirt-waist suits, 25c. quality **12 1/2c**

Lace Striped Gingham, all colors, 40c. quality. **19c**

Navy Blue Lawns, with small, medium and large dots, **12 1/2c**
12 2-3c. quality

Dimities and Lawns, in a dainty line of patterns, just received, **12 1/2c**
12 2-3c. quality, for

White Madras, for shirt-waists and shirt-waist suits, **35c**
12 1/2, 18, 25, 30 and

Wash Chiffon, 47 inches wide, for graduation dresses, **50c**
25, 35 and

White Organdies, 60 inches wide, 25, 40, 50 and **60c**

Embroidered Dotted Swiss, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50 and **60c**

White Linen Lawns, 88 inches wide, 40c. value, for **29c**

White Linen, for waists or suits,

Hosiery Department.

TWO SPECIALS IN LADIES' HOSIERY FOR THIS WEEK:

100 dozen Ladies' Fast-Black and Regular Made Lace Lisle Hose, bought to sell for 25c.; special **19c**

25 dozen Ladies' Fast-Black and Regular Made Lace Allover Lisle Hose, \$1.00 and 85c.; special **69c**

Ladies' Gauze Vests

and Corsets.

Ladies' Gauze Vests, low neck and sleeveless, trimmed around armholes and neck with lace; special **12 1/2c**

Ladies' Gauze Lisle Vests, low neck and sleeveless, lace trimmed and silk tape, 85c. value, for **25c**

R. & G. Corsets, in long or medium lengths, in black or white, \$2.25 and \$1.75, for **\$1.00**

P. D. Corsets, medium and high backs, of chamois material, \$1.50 and

Silk Department.

Navy Blue China Silks, with figures and dots, 24 inches wide, 65c. value, for **50c**

Wash Silks, in an endless variety of patterns, 50c. value; special **39c**

Pongee Silks, 36 inches wide, 50c. value, for **39c**

Fancy Taffeta Silks, for waists or dresses, \$1.00 value **39c**

White Pongee Silks, 27 inches wide **\$1.25**

Gentlemen's Furnishings.

Men's Elastic Seam Drawers, extra value **50c**

Men's Balbriggan Shirts, long or short sleeves **25c**

Men's Balbriggan Shirts, 50c. ones, reduced to **37 1/2c**

Men's Laundered Percale Shirts, with 1 pair link cuffs, \$1.00 ones, for **39c**

Men's Fancy Embroidered Half Hose, 25c. one, for **17c**

Ladies' \$5.00 Sterling Silk & 2 1/2